

Health Care Authority plans series of discussions around the state on status of Health Care Reform

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OLYMPIA - Washington State's Health Care Authority will hold a series of interactive meetings around the state in mid-September to update community partners and stakeholders on the state's continued progress on implementing health care reform, including a focus on implications of the Medicaid expansion.

The discussion will be facilitated by Deborah Bachrach from Manatt Health Solutions. The Health Care Authority is partnering with Manatt to investigate key policy issues and options related to the Medicaid expansion.

The discussion will focus on the new coverage paradigm for low-income populations under the national Affordable Care Act. It will cover changes in coverage and eligibility, including the impact of the recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling, and give advocates, clients, providers and other stakeholders an opportunity to provide feedback and questions for the crucial work ahead.

Space in some locations may be limited. If you would like to attend please RSVP to the Health Care Authority at lucy.crow@hca.wa.gov.

- **Olympia:** 1-3 p.m., September 18, General Administration Building Auditorium, 210 11th Avenue SW
- **Seattle:** 9-11 a.m., September 19, Seattle Central Community College, Broadway Edison Building (BE) Auditorium, Room 4106 1701 Broadway (**Note:** Space may be limited to 80)
- **Yakima:** 9-11 a.m., September 20, Yakima Valley Museum, 2015 Tieton Drive
- **Spokane:** 10 a.m. to noon., September 21, St. Luke's Rehab Institute, Conference Room 200, 711 S. Cowley (**Note:** Location changed since previous announcement)

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR BACKGROUND:

Presentation materials will be available on the agency's website at <http://www.hca.wa.gov/hcr>.

The Medicaid Expansion 2014 website: <http://www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/me>

The Health Benefits Exchange website: <http://www.hca.wa.gov/hcr/exchange>

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